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SUBJECT: CAMP DAVID ARRANGEMENTS

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1. MET WITH PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL TODAY TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE REFTEL. I EMPHASIZED PRESIDENT CARTER'S DESIRE TO KEEP ANY SHUTTLING OF DELEGATION PERSONNEL IN AND OUT OF CAMP DAVID TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. ALL SUBSTANTIVE LEVEL PERSONNEL WHO ARE TO PARTICIPATE AT CAMP DAVID SHOULD PLAN TO LODGE THERE. I THEN GAVE HIM DETAILS OF LODGING BEING ALLOTTED TO EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AND URGED THAT EGYPTIAN SIDE ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS. EACH DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE ITS OWN ROOM ASSIGNMENTS. I ASKED THAT EGYPTIAN ADVANCE TEAM BE BRIEFED ON WHAT I HAD TOLD HIM AND SUGGESTED IT MIGHT WORK OUT ROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR EGYPTIAN SIDE.

2. KAMEL, WHO HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO EVENINGS IN WASHINGTON, WAS CLEARLY A BIT DISAPPOINTED, BUT ACCEPTED SITUATION. HE MUSED THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME RECONSIDERATION OF WHO WILL BE AT CAMP DAVID. HE UNDERTOOK TO SPEAK TO SADAT ABOUT THE MATTER AND ASSURED ME THAT AD-
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VANCE TEAM WILL BE BRIEFED AS TO THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES. HE DID INDICATE THAT EGYPTIANS WILL REQUIRE SOME OFF-BASE LODGING FOR SUBORDINATE ADVISERS AND ASKED WHETHER SUCH LODGING WILL BE IN WASHINGTON OR IN A NEARBY TOWN. TOLD HIM I DID NOT KNOW, BUT WOULD INQUIRE. HERE AGAIN HE INDICATED ADVANCE TEAM WILL MAKE EGYPTIAN REQUIREMENTS KNOWN.

3. REFERRING TO OUR EARLIER TALK ABOUT A 1400 ETA AT ANDREWS (CAIRO 19718), I TOLD HIM WE WOULD LIKE TO DEFER FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SADAT'S ETA UNTIL VARIOUS ARRIVAL TIME DECISIONS ARE MADE. WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE DECISION ON THIS BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. KAMEL SAID THIS IS AGREEABLE, BUT WANTED US TO KNOW THAT AN ARRIVAL BEFORE 1400 IS NOT RPT NOT CONVENIENT FOR SADAT. SADAT WILL BE PREPARED TO ARRIVE ANYTIME FROM 1400 ON. EILTS

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